

Partner Art Furia Assists with New Partnership Between Miami-Dade College Culinary Institute and Gambero Rosso

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Shutts & Bowen is pleased to announce that partner Arthur J. Furia was instrumental in assisting the Miami Culinary Institute (MCI) at Miami Dade College (MDC) and Gambero Rosso Holding SpA, the leading food and wine publisher and educator in Italy, to launch a new partnership that will allow students access to Gambero Rosso's "Città del Gusto" (City of Taste) cooking schools in Rome, Catania, Palermo, Turin, Naples, and Milan. The MCI will be the exclusive educational partner of Gambero Rosso in the Eastern U.S.

A ceremony was held on February 20, 2014 to commemorate this new collaboration. The agreement was signed by MDC President Eduardo J. Padrón and Gambero Rosso CEO Paolo Cuccia.

Mr. Furia is very active in the Italian community in the USA, as well as in Italy, and was very passionate about this project. Mr. Furia serves as General Counsel of the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) based in Washington, D.C., is a member of its Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. Mr. Furia is the State of Florida representative for the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy (AMCHAM).

As a member of the Board of Directors for Miami Dade College Foundation, and a member of its Executive Committee and Secretary, this project was especially important. At the signing ceremony, Dr. Eduardo Padron, President of Miami Dade College, remarked "I would be remiss if I didn't thank our good friend, Art Furia, who we call 'Mr. Italy' and is instrumental in helping us bring this institution to a higher level." Paolo Cuccia, President and CEO of Gambero Rosso added, "All this could not have happened without Mr. Art Furia. Art is 'Mr. Italy' here but he is also 'Mr. USA' when he is in Rome and he is very much a bridge between our two countries."

Mr. Furia is based in Shutts & Bowen's Miami office where he serves as outside general counsel to a number of prominent Florida-based corporations. Mr. Furia's areas of legal practice include corporate and business law; domestic and international business planning; mergers and acquisitions; partnership formation and joint ventures; venture and mezzanine equity raising and distribution and licensing and corporate governance for not-for-profit organizations.

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